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SUBJECT: PRIME MINISTER MANLEY RESURRECTS CIA DESTABILIZATION
ALLEGATIONS

1. BEGIN SUMMARY: PM MANLEY CONTINUES TO BELIEVE CIA
TRIED TO DESTABILIZE JAMAICA IN 1976 BUT STATES AS LONG
AS PRESIDENT CARTER AND SECRETARY VANCE REMAIN IN THEIR
PRESENT POSITIONS IT WILL "NOT HAPPEN AGAIN". END SUMMARY.

2. DURING A BRIEFING ON JAMAICA'S DEMOCRATIC SOCIALISM
BY MANLEY TO THE NINE VISITING MEMBERS OF THE AMERICAN
COUNCIL OF YOUNG POLITICAL LEADERS (ACYPL) LAST WEEK ONE
OF THE GROUP ASKED MANLEY IF HE WOULD RESORT TO CLAIMS
AGAIN OF OUTSIDE INTERFERENCE IN JAMAICA'S INTERNAL
AFFAIRS IN THE NEXT ELECTION. THIS SET THE PM OFF ON A
TEN MINUTE, SOMETIMES EMOTIONAL, DENUNCIATION OF CIA'S
ALLEGED ATTEMPTS TO DESTABILIZE JAMAICA AND THE PNP
DURING THE 1976 ELECTIONS.

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3. MANLEY ASSERTED THAT THE THEN SECRETARY OF STATE,
DR. KISSINGER, WANTED "TO PUNISH" HIM AND JAMAICA FOR
HIS BACKING OF CUBA IN ANGOLA AND FOR IMPOSITION OF THE
BAUXITE LEVY. HE SAID CIA AGENTS WITHIN THE U.S.
EMBASSY HERE (AND HE ADDED THAT IT IS A KNOWN FACT
THAT EVERY AMERICAN EMBASSY AROUND THE WORLD HAS THEM)
AIDED THE JLP IN THE ELECTION CAMPAIGN. HE SAID THAT

"PRESIDENT CARTER, SECRETARY VANCE, ASST. SECY. TODMAN, ANDREW YOUNG AND AMBASSADOR IRVING" ALL TOLD HIM HE WAS MISTAKEN. HE SAID THAT THESE OFFICIALS "UNDOUBTEDLY" ARE SINCERE IN THAT BELIEF, BUT THEY DO NOT KNOW "FOR A FACT" WHAT CIA WAS DOING BEFORE WE TOOK UP OUR RESPECTIVE POSITIONS IN THE USG. ALSO, THAT CIA IS NOT MONOLITHIC AND "EVEN TODAY" PRESIDENT CARTER DOES NOT KNOW FULLY WHAT CIA IS DOING. WHEN I REMONSTRATED AND CHALLENGED HIM TO COME FORTH WITH HIS ALLEGED FACTS, HE DODGED BY SAYING THAT AS LONG AS PRESIDENT CARTER IS PRESIDENT AND SECRETARY VANCE IS SECRETARY OF STATE THE DANGER OF CIA INTERFERENCE WILL NOT BE PRESENT. LOOKING AT ME HE THEN ADDED "AND THE AMBASSADOR HERE HAS THE CIA IN HIS EMBASSY UNDER CONTROL."

4. MANLEY SEVERAL TIMES ASKED THE QUESTIONER WHETHER HE WOULD CONDONE CIA INTERFERENCE "AGAIN" IF THE USG DID NOT LIKE JAMAICA'S POLICIES, AT WHICH TIMES I INTERJECTED THAT THE QUESTION WAS ERRONEOUSLY PHRASED.

5. I DECIDED THAT WE HAD TAKEN UP ENOUGH TIME OF THE PRIME MINISTER AND SUGGESTED WE DEPART WHEN ANOTHER ACYPL MEMBER ACCUSED MANLEY OF "MCCARTHYISM" AND I SENSED THE PM'S BLOOD PRESSURE RISING.
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